

Chapter

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THE
ROYAL
TUTOR



Chapter 56

With Love From a Distant Land



TO MY
MASTER,
WHOM I
RESPECT
AND ADORE
MORE THAN
ANY OTHER
IN THE
WORLD...



THIS WILL
BE MY 100TH
LETTER
SINCE OUR
DEPARTURE...

...AND
MY FIRST
SINCE OUR
ARRIVAL IN
CROSS.



FOR TEN
DAYS, WE
MOVED FROM
RAILROAD TO
RAILROAD.

THE JOURNEY
FROM VIENNA
TO ST. PETERSBURG,
THE CAPITAL OF
CROSS, COVERED
APPROXIMATELY
1800
KILOMETERS.



...I MUST
CONFESS
THAT, HAVING
NEVER SEEN
ON SUCH A
LONG TRIP,
IT LEFT ME...

ALTHOUGH
WE
TRAVELED
IN A
PRIVATE
ROYAL
TRAIN...



Y...
YES...

CAN YOU
SPEAK?

WE'VE
PULLED INTO
PIETARIGRAD'S
CENTRAL
STATION...

A-ARE YOU ALL
RIGHT, YOUR
HIGHNESS...?



FORGIVE ME...
I AM NOT NORMALLY
THIS PRONE TO
MOTION SICKNESS...







HE IS THE ASSISTANT OF DOCTOR DMITRI, WHO WILL BE TAKING CARE OF ME.

IT'S FINE.



...YET HE'S BEEN RUDE TO YOUR HIGHNESS THE ENTIRE TRIP...

THAT MAN... HE HAD ALLOWED PASSAGE ON THIS PRIVATE ROYAL TRAIN...



WELL... I'M HOPING WE'LL HAVE A MORE OPEN, COLLABORATIVE DISCUSSION, BUT...

WILL YOU BE ALL RIGHT WITH THAT RUFFIAN BEING YOUR SCHOOLMATE AND STUDYING UNDER THE SAME PROFESSOR, YOUR HIGHNESS?



A
SCHOOLMATE...



I LOOK FORWARD TO IT.

AFTER ALL, WE'LL BE STAYING IN THE ULTRA-LUXURIOUS AND PRESTIGIOUS BEAMP HOTEL ORDSE!

THIS IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR ME!
RODY!



ONCE WE ORDER-BARK, WE'LL MAKE SURE YOU HAVE TIME TO REST.

8-POURCE ARE! HERE I AM BARKING A FLUG WHEN YOU'RE LL...

ACK!





...I BEGAN MY
DAILY STUDIES
UNDER DOCTOR
SMITH, AN
AUTHORITY OF
SOCIOLOGY
AT OROCHI
UNIVERSITY.

THEN,
BEGINNING
ON THE
FOLLOWING
DAY...



WHAT
ME !!?
...!?

IT'S TIME
FOR MY NEXT
LECTURE.
CARRY THESE
TO THE
LECTURE
HALL FOR
NEEDS.

AH,
LUDWIG,
MY BOY!



NOW, NOW.
WHY NOT
YOUR HANDS
LOOK UPLE
TO ME!

NOT
YOUR
ERRAND
BOY!

I-I AM
PRINCE
BRUND'S
BODY-
GUARD...

AS A
GUARD,
YOU
MUST BE
STRONG
YET!



...ALSO
TOOK
ME BY
SURPRISE
AT
FIRST...

S-I DO
ADMIT
THAT HIS
PERSONALITY...

IS THIS
CARELESS,
DATTY OLD
COREIE
REALLY AN
IMPORTANT
PROFESSION?

P-PRINCE
TEAMO...



...TO ART
MUSEUMS AND
THE GRAND
THEATER.

PRIEST-
GRAD...

...IS HOME TO
A WEALTH OF
INTERNATIONAL
CULTURE, FROM
NATIONAL
SCHOOLS, OF
WHICH CROSS
UNIVERSITY
IS ONLY ONE
EXAMPLE...

BY
THE BY,
YOUNG
BRING.

HAVE
YOU HAD
A LOOK
AROUND
OUR CITY
YET?

NO, I'M
AFRAID
NOT...



... ENGLISH
ME...

PROCTOR

IT WOULD
BE BETTER
TO GET
SOME

IT'S THE
PERFECT
SIDE DISH
TO A DRINK,
EVEN JUST
GRILLED UP
PLAIN

AND BEST
OF ALL,
BECAUSE
WE'RE A
COASTAL
CITY, THE
SEAFOOD
IS TO DIE
FOR!









AFTER WHAT
HAPPENED,
I'M NOT
SURE THAT
I WANT
ONE.



...I HAVE
NEVER HAD
A TRUE
MATE MY
OWN AGE.



...BUT TO
BE QUITE
FRANK,
IT LIES
HEAVILY ON
MY MIND...



IF WE'RE
GOING
TO BE
STUDYING
ALONGSIDE
EACH
OTHER...
...I DO
WISH TO
HAVE A
GOOD
RAPPORT
WITH
HIM...



カッ!!

UNACCEPT-
ABLE!
I CANNOT
SHOW THIS
PATHETIC
LETTER TO
MASTER!!



ALL RIGHT!
I'LL PEN
A MORE
WORTHWILE
LETTER FOR
MASTER!

I'VE GOT IT
I'LL WRITE
ABOUT WHAT
I LEARNED
FROM DOCTOR
OMITRI...ABOUT
GROSS'S ETHNIC
DISTRIBUTION
AND DIVERSE
IDEOLOGIES...

カッ!!

HOW COULD
I WRITE
SOMETHING
SO PETTY?

I CAME ALL
THE WAY
TO GROSS.
AND THIS IS
WHAT'S ON
MY MIND? FOR
SERVE!

AAARRRGGH!!







EDM...
A DOCTOR...
DOES THIS HOTEL HAVE
A RESIDENT DOCTOR...?







ALGO...
THANK YOU
FOR CALLING
A DOCTOR.



...FOR THE
BOTHER
AFTER YOU
FREED UP
YOUR DAY
FOR ME...

...I'M
SORRY...



ANYONE
WOULD
HELP A
PERSON
WHO'D
COLLAPSED.

...IT
WAS
NOTHING.



...E-E
SEE...



IT'S JUST...
I HAD
THOUGHT...
...YOU
DIDN'T CARE
MUCH FOR
ME.



...THEN
YOU
REALLY...

...HATE
ME AFTER
ALL, DO
YOU...?



I'M WELL
AWARE THAT
THERE ARE
PEOPLE
WHO DISLIKE
PRINCES...WHO
FIND THEM
REPUGNANT.

NO, IT'S
FINE.



I...



I'M NOT
GOING TO FORCE
THE ISSUE
AND TRY TO
BECOME GOOD
SCHOOLMATES
EITHER...



EH..?

BUT I
REFUSED TO GIVE
UP ON MY DREAM
OF BECOMING A
SCHOLAR...I DEFIED
MY FAMILY'S WISHES
AND CAME HERE
TO STUDY UNDER
DOCTOR SMITH.



MY FAMILY'S
RESTAURANT
IS PRESTIGIOUS.
IT'S BEEN IN
BUSINESS FOR
A HUNDRED
YEARS. I WAS
SUPPOSED TO
TAKE IT OVER.

...AM A
FIRSTBORN
SON. BOTH
MY FATHER
AND GRAND-
FATHER ARE
CHEFS.

.....I...



WE'RE
POLAR
OPPOSITES.

YOUR DREAM IS
TO FOLLOW IN
YOUR FATHER'S
FOOTSTEPS. I
CAST AWAY MY
FAMILY.



WHY DIDN'T
I MAKE ANY
EFFORT TO
GET MY
FATHER TO
UNDER-
STAND?

BUT
WATCHING
YOU, I
GREW MORE
AND MORE
FRUSTRATED.

I THOUGHT
I HAD NO
REGRETS ABOUT
BREAKING OFF
MY RELATIONS
WITH MY
PARENTS.









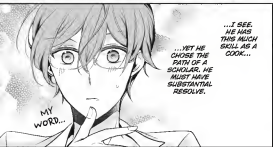
...I AM
PLEASED
TO BE
WORKING
WITH YOU,
SMERDYA-
KOV.

AS
SCHOOLMATES
STUDYING
UNDER THE
SAME
PROFESSOR

LIKewise.









HOWEVER,
WITH THE HELP
OF DOCTOR
DMITRI,
SMERDYAKOV,
AND LUDWIG,
I'M
GETTING BY.

THERE
ARE MANY
THINGS I
AM UNAC-
CUSTOMED
TO HERE.



AT A LATER
DATE,
SMERDYAKOV
SHOWED
ME AROUND
THE CITY OF
PETERSBURG.



IT SEEMS
THAT THIS
STUDY
ABROAD IS
GOING TO
BE VERY
WORTHWHILE
FOR ME.

I'M
LEARNING
MANY
THINGS AT
DOCTOR
DMITRI'S
SIDE.



...IF WE
COULD
TRAVEL TO
PETERSBURG
AS A GROUP
ONE DAY...

IT IS
WORTHFUL
THINKING,
BUT...





...IF I WERE
ABLE TO
EXPERIENCE
THIS BEAUTIFUL
CITY TOGETHER
WITH YOU AND
MY SIBLINGS...

...HOW
HAPPY I
WOULD
BE!

BUT
FIRST...

...I WILL
DEVOTE
MYSELF TO
MY DAILY
STUDIES
SO THAT
UPON MY
RETURN...

...I MAY
SHOW
MYSELF TO
BE A MORE
MATURE
MAN IN
YOUR EYES,
MASTER.



WITH LOVE
FROM A
DISTANT LAND,
BRING





...THAT IS
EXCELLENT...
...PRINCE
BRUNO.



SPENDING
MY DAYS
APART FROM
YOU ONLY
REAFFIRMS
HOW VERY
LARGE OF A
PRESENCE
YOU ARE TO
ME.

YOU HAVEN'T
CAUGHT GOLD
OR BEEN
UNWELL AS I
WAS, I HOPE?

BY THE
WAY! ARE
YOU WELL,
MASTER?!



NOW, THEN...
THIS IS THE
FIRST LETTER
FROM PRINCE
BRUNO...



JUST
WHEN I
THOUGHT
HE WOULD
ALSO
SEND ME
PROPER
REPORTS
OF HIS
RECENT
STATE...
AS
A RULE,
PRINCE
BRUNO'S
LETTERS ARE
FILLED WITH
"MASTER
THIS,
MASTER
THAT!"



THE
MILITARY
HORSES
ARE CUTE
BUT NOT
SOFT.

SINCE WE USE
CANNONS OR
GUNS IN OUR
TRAINING,
ANIMALS STAY
CLEAR OF THIS
ENTIRE AREA.



WHAT I SEE,
KIND OF I SEE.
PLACE
IS IT?

WE
ARRIVED
AT THE
TRAINING
GROUNDS
ABOUT
THREE
DAYS AGO.

HOW
ARE YOU,
TEACHER?
I'M WELL.



THIS
TELLS ME
NOTHING OF
HIS RECENT
STATE.

SQUISH,
SQUISH...
SQUISH,
SQUISH...
SQUISH...

I NEED
MORE
SOFT
THINGS.

I WANT
TO
SQUISH
YOUR
HAND.



WAGTER!

NOW, NOW
AM I TO
REPLY TO
THESE...?

WAGTER!



...WELL,
THEY BOTH
SEEM TO
BE DOING
WELL, AND
THAT IS WHAT
MATTERS
MOST...

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